(c) if so, whether Government would introduce 2409/2410 up train from Chhattisgarh to Amritsar to meet the long pending demand of the people of Chhattisgarh and to save their time;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, 8507/8508 Visakhapatnam-Nizamuddin Hirakud Express (Tri-weekly) has been extended upto Amritsar from 16.03.2007. Besides, 8237/8238 Bilaspur-Amritsar Chhattisgarh Express is connecting Chhattisgarh upto Amritsar. At present, there is no proposal to extend 2409/2410 Bilaspur-Nizamuddin Gondwana Express to Amritsar due to operational and resource constraints.

Racks required for distribution of salt

†4092. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the basis for fixing priority regarding railway racks by his Ministry;

(b) whether "C Priority" is given to the salt distributed through public distribution system;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of racks required every month for distribution of salt as per its demand in the State of Chhattisgarh and by when these would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Priority 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' for allotment of rakes for various commodities is determined as per Preferential Traffic Schedule Government Order, issued each year, which comes into force on 1st April and unless cancelled earlier, remains in force till 31st March of the next calendar year.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Normally salt commodity is given 'D' Priority, but if movement of iodised salt or salt for iodisation is recommended by Salt Commissioner's Office, it is given 'C' Priority, with the approval of Zonal Railways.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Railway rakes are being supplied as per demand.

Service benefits to transshipment workers

4093. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority granted service benefits to transshipment workers of Transshipment Shed, Tiruchirappally after the order dated 4th February, 1987 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. No. 171/86;

(b) if so, whether authorities would apply above order while considering the service benefits of servers/bearers who served as commission servers/bearers in the catering wing of commercial department of Southern Railway and who were latter named as salary bearers/servers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Hon'ble Supreme Court by a judgement dated 4.2.1987 in W.P. No. 171/86 directed the Railway Administration to treat piece rate labourers of Transshipment Shed, Tiruchirappally as temporary employees. As such 276 piece rate employees were absorbed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Neither the facts nor the law laid down in the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Judgement dated 4.2.1987 (W.P. No. 171/86) is applicable to the cases of Commission Bearers/Servers.

Mishap at unmanned level crossing near Kancheepuram

4094. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that a recent major mishap occurred at the